

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

### EXECUTION OF SMITH.

(Continued.)

It is impossible to give an idea of the number that crowded to see the prisoner, when he first appeared, and the throng of thousands and tens of thousands who ooked to the place of execution. To what principle in our nature is it to be referred? Does man delight in scenes of war? Is there pleasure extracted from the pain of seeing a fellow mortal ignominiously die? But this is not the object of the present article.

A number of applicants had been made to Gov. Snyder for a pardon. It is well known that the governor has repeatedly expressed his opinion that the punishment of death should be abolished. This opinion was suggested to him with the hope of its aiding to obtain his release. The governor replied with great correctness: "The subject I recommended to the legislature repeatedly; as often they decided against it; such, therefore, must be considered as the settled opinion of Pennsylvania. My duty is to execute the laws of the commonwealth, and not my individual opinion."

The prisoner arrived at the gallows about 11 o'clock. For some time he continued in prayer with Dr. Hurley. He then asked if there was any reprieve, a circumstance to which he had probably looked with strong expectations. "The wretch condemned with life to part. Still, still on hope relies. And every pang that rends his heart, Bids expectation rise." The answer was that there was none. For a time the awful certainty seemed to overwhelm him; but he soon recovered.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

### WESTON BOARDING SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL INSTITUTE.

This old and popular school, at which not a few of the leading business men of this county were educated, and which was formerly under the charge of Sheriff Buley, paid our city a visit yesterday on the invitation from Gen. Kellogg to visit Camp Mansfield. They came into town in three wagons, each drawn by four horses, and spent the forenoon at the camp, and took part in the procession in the afternoon. There were about twenty-five boys neatly uniformed and armed with muskets, which the handled with the precision of veterans. Before leaving for home in the afternoon they paid the Farmer office a visit, with the Westport Cornet band, which accompanied them, and gave an exhibition of their proficiency in military evolutions, in which they can hardly be excelled. The boys must have been faithful to the teachings of their excellent drillmaster, Mr. George T. Hatch, who, by the way, is a son of H. T. Hatch, M. C. of Buffalo, N. Y. The school is under the charge of Mr. A. S. Jarvis, as principal, assisted by

### Bridgeport Youths Hurt As Cars Hit at Peat Swamp Curve

As the result of the collision of their automobile with another near the Peat Swamp in Norwalk, Monday afternoon, David Walsh of 100 Wells street and Frederick Wheeler of 3183 Main street are seriously cut about the head and face and both machines which figured in the smashup are wrecked. One machine was owned by Wheeler, a local plumber, while the other was the property of A. G. Southey of Norwalk. Twenty-four stitches were required to close the lacerations in Wheeler's head, opened when he was thrown through the windshield. Walsh was also severely cut on the head and is being treated at the Norwalk hospital. Walsh was driving Wheeler's car to this city and with them were two girls. As they rounded a curve, their machine crossed to the left side of the road and crashed into the Southey machine, driven by Judge Roback of Westport. In the latter car were Mr. and Mrs. Southey and their daughter. All were thrown out but the occupants of the Southey machine escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

### Hold Auto Driver Whose Car Struck And Injured Cyclist

Pending the outcome of injuries suffered by Vladimir Borovsky, 20 year old, of 754 Myrtle avenue, in a collision between an automobile and his motorcycle last night, the case of the operator of the automobile, George Cohen, 23, of 1265 State street, was continued until September 6 under bonds of \$1,000 today in the city court. Cohen is charged with driving recklessly and with causing the injuries to Borovsky. Borovsky received abrasions of the ankle and concussion of the brain, but no fracture as it first feared. The collision occurred at State street and Myrtle avenue.

### Henry A. Bishop Sues Because of Accident to Car

As a result of an automobile accident alleged to have occurred on Aug. 6, when the car of Henry A. Bishop was damaged, suit has been brought by the owner yesterday in the civil superior court against Thomas H. McFarland of this city. Damages to the amount of \$750 are claimed. The accident occurred at Iranistan avenue and Hanover street, through the negligence it is claimed of McFarland.

**Autumn Footwear.** Though early, fall shoes are appearing, at Mollan's. New black footwear for women is shown in vici kid, plain toe, lace and button boots, and in patent leather with dull leather or cloth tops and other smart combinations. Special care is given to the selection of sensibly constructed, attractive shoes for the children's department, at 1026 Main street.—Adv.

## PLENTY TO DO FOR "ROOKIES" ON NAVY CRUISE

So Busy They Don't Have Time to Write Letters to Their Friends

### FOUNTAIN HOSE CO. BALL A SUCCESS.

The ball given under the auspices of the Fountain Hose Co. last evening was a grand success. Rarely has the Franklin in which the ball was held been filled with so numerous and gay a company.

### TICKETS SOLD.

We learn that 1,506 tickets were sold yesterday afternoon at the office of the New York and New Haven Railroad office in this city.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

#### DEMOCRATIC REGISTRARS.

Daniel Smith, the Democratic registrar of voters today made known his deputies for the local election districts. The selections were made with a view to the special fitness of the appointees, all of whom are thoroughly familiar with the work. In the selection of the first assistant registrar, Mr. Smith has certainly displayed admirable judgment, for in Thomas F. White, he has a capable and efficient coadjutor. Mr. White's knowledge will prove especially valuable, as he was for many years the Democratic registrar of the old Fifth ward. The district deputies follow:

First district, Frank E. Callahan; Second, George E. Curtis; Third, Michael Sullivan; Fourth, Daniel W. Pickett; Fifth, John Malloy; Sixth, Dennis O'Neill; Seventh, Edward Madden; Eighth, John J. Clancy; Ninth, Lawrence J. Gill; Tenth, Frederick Schriber; Eleventh, Thomas Regan; Twelfth, Peter Campana.

### ASHORE ON BLOCK ISLAND.

Tuesday of this week the fishing sloop Inez of Southport was partly wrecked off Block Island in a fierce gale. The yacht Regina of this port, having on board Dr. Wright, Judge Carroll and Walter Goddard, Jr., went to the assistance of the vessel, and towed her to Newport, just as the life saving crew of Newport were putting out their surf boat.

### ARION MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

Tuesday next will be a great day for the Arion Singing Society at Pleasant Beach. A monster chorus and military band with the renowned bass Eric Bushnell will give a concert at the beach. Raymond Moore will also sing.

### WALNUT BEACH BARS NEW YORK CHILDREN

Walnut Beach, Aug. 30.—Due to the general excitement concerning infantile paralysis which at present is in evidence among the residents of Walnut beach, and the numerous complaints made recently in regard to the lax manner in which the local authorities are carrying out the various ordinances, has caused Health Officer Putney to take matters in his own hands, and from now on, the resort will be watched with a keen eye and will be well taken care of. Children from New York regardless of their age, will not be allowed to stop here unless they can show a certificate, while any person under the age of fifteen years, is absolutely restricted from coming here, with or without a certificate. That this ordinance is in action is proved by the fact that two New York families who arrived here late yesterday afternoon, were ordered to return. Both had a number of children with them and none were allowed to set foot on the Walnut beach shore. As far as the present health conditions of the resort go, Walnut beach was never healthier. No sign of the epidemic is in evidence.

### Four Asking Court To Sever Bonds of Martial Alliance

Lyman Francis Beeman of Bridgeport has filed a suit for divorce in the superior court against his wife, Cella Elizabeth Beeman, nee Monroe, of Danbury. The couple were married November 3, 1902. Desertion is claimed on February 15, 1904.

William McLellan of Norwalk, asks divorce from his wife, Eliza, of Stamford. Mrs. McLellan's maiden name was Marks. They were married November 19, 1912. Desertion is the grounds, and is alleged to have occurred on July 31, 1913.

Another applicant for severance of the matrimonial bonds was Elizabeth Lynes Stevens of Danbury against Charles Warren Stevens. Intolerable cruelty is the allegation. The marriage occurred April 23, 1903. Two minor children are recorded. Stevens' income is said to be \$6,000 a year. Alimony and custody of the children is asked.

Another application for divorce comes from Henry Langer, Jr., of Greenwich, who sues Emma Foster Langer of Port Chester, claiming desertion on May 1, 1913. The couple were married the previous year on December 15.

Secretary Nockles of the Chicago Federation of Labor said that Packington workman within a week will ask for an increase of approximately 20 per cent in wages.

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## AGED WOMAN TRAMPLED IN TROLLEY PANIC

### Passengers of Stratford Car Jump on Prostrate Milford Resident.

Jumping from a trolley car in Stratford when a controller box exploded Monday morning, Mrs. Mary Bradford, an elderly woman of Milford, was trampled upon by the other passengers in their mad scramble to get off the car. She was severely bruised and shaken up and suffered a sprained ankle. No one else was injured though excitement was at a high pitch among the passengers. The trolley bound for Bridgeport from Milford was going through Stratford center and was beneath the railroad bridge when the forward pole on the top of the car, became detached from the hook which holds it down and bobbing up, struck the overhead wires and the girders of the viaduct. In an instant there was a tremendous flash and the passengers on the car fought wildly to get off of the vehicle. The attendant excitement, where stern commands of men mingled with the excited cries of women, Mrs. Bradford fell to the ground as her skirt caught and she was at once the bottom of a surging pile of humanity. Cooler heads in the car tried to control the excited mob but others began crying "cowards," at those who had

### THE BOAT DRILL

For boat drill the men are divided into regular fire crews. They man the davits and lower away and man the oars and row away. Among the rookies are half of Harvard's first crewmen: Herrick, Harwood, White and Allen. They are in the same boat, and there are eight other men in the boat with them. The oars are narrow, and the seats don't slide. It is half of the brawn that rowed Yale off the water last June.

"But somehow," as one man sadly remarked, "it doesn't seem the same." But the observers can see the evidence of the trained oar, struggling for "form," in the lumbering clumsiness of the ship's boats.

Then there are the old rookies, men who rowed on the long sweeps when the Virginia was a youngster. They are accumulating a good bit of extra weight amidsthips and show a roll as they walk. But they are game and pull at the oars as they did on the winning varsity in '03 or so. They come in puffing and played out after a practice row, but there is the light of excitement in their eyes, which comes from living over again well remembered times.

They are men-of-war's men now, every one of these 300 recruits. They rise at 5 to the boat's pipe, tumbling out of their hammocks six feet to the floor. They lash their hammocks in the required nautical way with the required number of hitches. Then they roll up their broad legged sailor pants to the knees and swab down the decks with cold sea water. They polish brass and wash paint, as though their very existence depended on the job.

**Millionaire Washing Brass.** It might be funny to see a man whose fortune runs to millions shining brass in a way that would not earn him \$2 a day. Yet you know that brass polishing is not his goal. That is incidental to the larger work of being prepared to help on a big man-of-war in time of danger.

After cleaning comes breakfast and after breakfast assembly, with setting up exercises. From that to gun practice they go immediately, then to boat drill, to classes of special instruction to torpedo defense stations, taking barely time for a bite of dinner in between. They are trying to teach the recruits the utmost it is possible to learn in the time of the cruise, and every minute is precious.

"I don't even get time to write a letter," says one dapper sailor plaintively. "I have written 'Dear Ethel' five times, and that is as far as I get." From "turn to" at 5 of the gray morning to "taps" at 9 of the weary night the men work and learn. They are displaying a remarkable quickness for the mechanism of gun and ships. The days are full of work, but they are also full of accomplishment.

"I don't know what to do with my men," said the commanding officer of another vessel of the fleet to the captain of the Virginia. "Keep 'em at work," Captain Jackson advised him. Not that life is all work for the rookies. Mending and evening a boom is rigged from the side of the ship sloping down to the water, and down it the men go to swim. Probably half of them go in the water. The other half lean over the sides and cheer. The water is cold and very salty. If a swimmer stays too close to the sides of the ship a little wave will come and slap him against the hard armor plate. Therefore most of the men swim out, followed by a lifeboat. Who said men do not live well in the navy? Asparagus on toast, steaks, roasts, grapes, oranges, cantaloupes—these are items chosen at random from the menu of the last three days. At every meal enough is thrown away to feed a platoon of large families. Fastidiousness goes by the board. The only requirement is that men remove their hats while eating. At every meal a dozen men forget it.

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## THE COST OF MEN'S CLOTHING

The newspapers printed a dispatch a few days ago predicting somewhat higher prices for men's clothing this fall. Conditions growing out of the war, and the advancing cost of labor are named as causes. The man who buys a suit of clothes of a first class tailor is assessed heavily nowadays. There are a great many men who used to get this grade of garments for about \$30 to \$35, who today are paying \$45 and \$50. This advancing cost must tend to help the ready made clothing trade. It so proves in the field of feminine apparel. A great many women who formerly used to patronize dressmakers now buy clothes direct from the shop. Of course as the wealth of the country advances, a great many more men can afford to pay high prices. The ready made clothing store has to carry in stock an assortment sufficient to fit tall men, short men, fat men, and thin men. It must take a good deal of capital. The rapid changes in styles constantly threaten losses. The tendency of the time must be to favor the larger store that is enterprising enough to advertise, and to crowd out the small shop that feels it can't afford it. People tend to become more particular about the fit of their clothes. The man who used to be satisfied with old baggy garments that would cover his nakedness, now expects the ready made man to produce or alter something that will fit his physical idiosyncrasies. To meet all these demands is quite a problem. The ready made man needs an eye for form and no little mechanical skill to make these adaptations correctly.

**"POLI" PERRITT MAKES GOOD**  
There is joy in Arcadia, La., for it is the consensus of opinion in the northern Louisiana village that Arcadia's most famous native son, William Raymond Perritt, has made good and has showed them Northnebs a thing or two about baseball pitching. Mr. Perritt, who has acquired the

front moniker of "Poli" since he began hurling a spheroid for a living, was born in the said Arcadia twenty-four years ago today, and was reared in Louisiana. A good job of rearing it was, too, for Poli had reached an altitude of six feet two before he stopped rearing. It was five years ago that Perritt first had a hunch that maybe he could put enough stuff on the pellet to get real money for it, and after a year of semi-professional ball in Louisiana towns he emigrated to Mississippi and got a job in the Cotton States League, playing with Vicksburg and Greenwood. Along in the latter part of August he was going so nicely that he was bought by the Cardinals. He won a game and lost another before the season closed. In 1913 he won six pastimes for the Cards, but lost fourteen. The next season Poli hit his stride, winning sixteen and losing thirteen, and working in forty-one games. By that time Perritt had grown tired of St. Louis, so he leaped to the Reds, but he was saved to O. B. by a deal whereby he was permitted to don a Giant uniform. Last year Poli was a star as an in-and-out-er; and there were times when John McGraw wished he had permitted him to stay with the Reds. This year Perritt has been redeeming himself, and McGraw is no longer sorry of his bargain. While with the Cardinals Perritt was a roommate and close friend of Sheriff Sallee, also a graduate of the Cotton States League, and they are again pulling off a Damon and Pythias stunt with the Giants.

An agreement between Sweden and Russia for linking the railway system of the two countries by bridging the River Torenas, which forms part of the boundary between Sweden and Russia, has been ratified.

Fifteen motorboats, commanded by yachtmen of New York, Boston and Providence, assembled at Newport, for the first practice cruise of the recently formed volunteer motor boat patrol squadron.

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